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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to firm beginning the week. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies ranged closely balanced to tight for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to non-existent for the light to good demand. Breaking schedules were mixed. Light type hens were about sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to reduced.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were up 3 cents for large and 5 cents for medium. All other prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times firm. Cartoned egg demand was in a full range of light to good, usually moderate to fairly good into feature activity. Food service movement light to about moderate. Supplies were well balanced for the larger sizes and tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings very tight to non-existent. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-96	89-94
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	71-75
MEDIUM	67-71
SMALL	43-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Light type hen offerings were about adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-100
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents higher for extra large and large and up 4 cents for medium. Trade sentiment was at least steady to instances firm. Retail demand was usually moderate to good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were well balanced for the larger sizes and mostly tight for medium and small.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies ranged closely balanced to tight for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were about sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90.25-104	98-101
LARGE	85.25-102	96-99
MEDIUM	77.25-97	90-94

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	96-100

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies balanced, instances tight on lighter weights.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	94-100
LARGE	93-98
MEDIUM	90-97

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WESTERN Prices 3-4 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 101. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 88, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	139
EXTRA LARGE	136
LARGE	127
MEDIUM	121

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO	279-349
EXTRA LARGE	269-329	EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-249	LARGE	239-289
MEDIUM	129-219	MEDIUM	199-229

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 31, 2003 will decrease by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 24, 2003 were 219,557 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	183,967	35,590	219,557
% change from the prior week.....	-9	-19	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings very tight to non-existent. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	80-83	82
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	64-70	66

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.39
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.25	8-9	8.71

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 27, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	15.3	8.6	14.0	12.3	61.2
	Change	-1.8	-2.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	48.6	12.5	24.0	39.7	155.0
	Change	5.2	-7.7	-3.4	5.8	4.0	3%
Large	Curr Wk	59.4	107.4	96.4	103.5	121.1	487.8
	Change	8.1	9.1	8.1	26.3	1.4	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	46.3	20.4	20.6	27.8	128.3
	Change	0.6	-4.2	3.4	2.6	-0.8	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	6.2	2.4	6.2	4.1	23.4
	Change	-0.3	0.6	-1.7	0.3	2.1	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	19.7	8.6	11.0	5.6	49.5
	Change	-0.4	3.5	1.6	2.0	-0.3	15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	23.6	15.6	23.9	34.1	124.3
	Change	9.1	-1.2	-2.3	-1.9	3.2	6%
Total	Curr Wk	150.0	267.1	164.5	203.2	244.7	1029.5
Percent	Change	16%	-1%	4%	21%	4%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,029.5	7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	212.0	-10%	36

Total Shell Egg	1,241.5	4%	207
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 13, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 24, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								16.00	FUTURE LOADS								11.00	TOTAL LOADS								27.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	—	—	81.50	83.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	96.25	1.00									
GL W J	—	—	—	—	84.00	—	1.00		GL W XL	86.00	—	—	—	—	—	94.00	5.00									
GL W XL	—	94.00	89.67	91.67	84.00	—	5.00		GL W LG	—	92.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	84.00	—	4.00																			
GL W MD	—	—	81.00	83.00	—	—	4.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	81.00	84.50	9.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/20/03-10/24/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS					
65.00								59.75				124.75					
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	80.00	84.00	80.33	81.75	—	—	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	96.13	3.50		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	86.33	86.00	—	—	—	93.67	13.00		
GL W J	—	—	95.00	97.00	83.58	—	4.00	GL W LG	85.00	91.56	—	—	90.00	91.32	14.25		
GL W XL	—	95.60	88.36	89.51	85.55	87.00	43.00	GL W MD	79.00	81.50	—	—	—	85.26	10.50		
GL W LG	—	93.26	83.25	88.80	83.73	85.60	34.00	GL W SM	56.00	60.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W MD	—	—	79.25	81.00	75.50	83.00	14.25										
GL W SM	—	—	57.75	59.50	60.00	—	3.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	2.50										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	80.60	82.21	46.50										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	81.82	3.50										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	2.25										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	.50										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/20/03	10/13/03	10/21/02
PACIFIC COAST	131	133	496
LOS ANGELES	74	74	396

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	10/12/03-10/18/03
30-dozen case	7,055
Receipts from the mainland:	10/05/03-10/11/03
30-dozen case	7,379

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate to good demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	114.63
LARGE	112.63
MEDIUM	107.63
SMALL	82.00

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